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amendment as long as I don't have to yodel. I am rising in support of the amendment and the committee amendments. You may remember the bill that we have on Final Reading that deals with the use of genetic testing and...and protection of individuals in the use of that genetic testing information. includes aspects that are somewhat similar to the amendment that is before us in terms of the quality control about the testing. There is a provision in terms of requirement of labs to be accredited that is very similar to what is in this amendment. And so we will have a situation when both bills get on Final Reading where we will have some duplication, I believe, in A bills that we'll need to resolve at that point in time. But I believe that this is an obligation that we have to our criminal justice system and to those individuals that are a part of that system that we take advantage of. When we were discussing LB 432, we talked a lot about the dangers that this kind of information can provide. In this bill, we are looking at one of the positive aspects that technology provides us in being able to, in those instances where there is biological evidence, to be able to prove either the guilt or innocence of the individual involved, and so we...we have sort of competing things, but they include similar provisions because they both address the quality of the testing so that we can make sure that whatever...whatever that we're doing that we...we are doing it in a way that is And I support not only the amendment but the justifiable. committee amendments because I think the committee amendments make clear the process by which an individual would get the opportunity to have the test done. And this is, as I said before, the positive side of technology and I think that we should embrace it, as long as we put in place all those quality controls, that we make sure that what we're doing is the right thing. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. For discussion, the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 659, the lights that are on are Senators Chambers, Bromm, Brashear, and Aguilar. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had touched on a provision in my amendment that says that a claim of actual innocence would be supported by a